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Livy, Book xxvii. By S. G. CAMPBELL. Cambridge: University Press, 1913. Pp. xxviii+218.

The twenty-seventh book of Livy, with its somewhat fragmentary account of military operations in various parts of the Mediterranean world, is not, as a whole, especially interesting nor of great historical importance. Only the last nine chapters, which contain a description of the battle of the Metaurus River, save the reader from excessive weariness. This edition of the book is, however, interesting as well as useful. The edition contains an introduction, explanatory notes, and a critical appendix. The introduction is perhaps the least successful part of the work. The treatment of Livy's sources and the discussion of the campaign of the Metaurus are admirable from the point of view of scholarship and clear statement, though too detailed for the average student and beyond his appreciation. The remainder of the introduction is historical summary—the sort of thing that is never read—and would better have been omitted or, at least, greatly reduced. The notes are, on the whole, excellent. The things that need explanation are made clear. Doubtful passages are treated with good judgment. There are few obvious errors—apart from a remarkable statement (36.8) that the *comitium* is the end of the Forum away from the Capitol. There is, perhaps, a tendency to redundancy in the treatment of forms and syntax. Etymological information is out of place in a book of this sort; and comparison with Greek usage and the quotation of passages from Greek authors are, unfortunately, things to be avoided in a book intended primarily for college students of the present time. In a book constructed with so much care it is surprising to find a very large number of incorrect references to the text and cross-references to the notes; there are more than thirty of these. But, in spite of this carelessness and the occasional tendency to prolixity, the book is a valuable addition to our collection of well-edited single books of Livy.

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